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SUBJ: MINOR CABINET CHANGE IN HAITI

1. IN A BRIEF TELEVISION BROADCAST EVENING APRIL
2. SECSTATE FOR INFORMATION AND COORDINATION FRITZ
CINEAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF SERGE FOURCAND,
FORMER UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE, AS NEW
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, RE-
PLACING LEBERT JEAN- PIERRE. JEAN- PIERRE HAD HELD
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY PORTFOLIO SINCE 1965. NO OTHER
CABINET CHANGES ANNOUNCED BY CINEAS.

2. SECSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADRIEN RAYMOND IN-
FORMED AMBASSADOR CONFIDENTIALLY SAME EVENING THAT
DECISION TO FIRE JEAN- PIERRE WAS CLOSELY LINKED TO
CASE OF I. S. JOSEPH (AMERICAN FIRM WHICH RECENTLY
OBTAINED CONCESSION FOR EDIBLE OILSEED CRUSHING OP-
ERATION IN HAITI). RAYMOND ASSERTED THAT I. S. JOSEPH
CONTRACT, SIGNED BY JEAN- PIERRE AND PUBLISHED IN THE
OFFICIAL GAZETTE LE MONITEUR MARCH 16, WAS DAMAGING
TO THE ECONOMY OF HAITI, THAT CONTRACT WOULD
LEAD TO INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF EDIBLE OIL HERE,
AND THERE WAS " POWERFUL PRESSURE" OF PUBLIC
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OPINION AGAINST IT. EMBASSY WILL SEND SEPTTEL ON

I. S. JOSEPH CASE.

3. JEAN- PIERRE, THOUGH COMPETENT AND WELL- EDUCATED, HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING MORE INTERESTED IN MAKING MONEY AND GAMBLING THAN IN RUNNING HIS DEPARTMENT. FOURCAND, 35 YEARS OLD, IS A YOUNG TECHNICIAN OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION, WELL- REGARDED BY THE EMBASSY AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AGENCIES, AND A FIRST- CLASS ECONOMIST.
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